Obituaries

Educator Samuel A. Nemzoff, 78

NEWTON, Mass. — A funeral service was held yesterday at Temple Israel, Boston, for Samuel A. Nemzoff, 78, of 7 Holland St., who died Monday at the home of his daughter, Judith A. Josephson in Providence. He was the husband of Frieda (Baxt) Nemzoff. He was also the husband of the late Sophie (Marcovitz) Nemzoff.

Born in Kiev, Russia, he was a son of the late Samuel and Zelda (Leavitt) Nemzoff.

Mr. Nemzoff received a bachelor of arts degree in 1925 and a master of education degree in education in 1927 from Harvard University.

He served 18 years with the Bureau of Jewish Education, Boston, and with the adult education classes of the Hebrew College. For 32 years, he was principal of the Temple Israel Religious School, Boston, and for 31 years was master at the Boston Latin School. For 22 years, he was a camp director and a leader in various Jewish educational organizations.

He served as president of the National Association of Temple Educations and of Camp Yuavneh, a Hebrew college summer school and camp. As a fellow in religious education with an honorary title awarded by the Union of American Hebrew Congregatations, his publications include *Teaching the Prophets*, Union of American Hebrew Congregations and *Confirmation Sampler*, Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Besides his daughter, he leaves another daughter, Ruth Berman of Nashua, N.H.and five grandchildren.

Burial was in Temple Israel Cemetery, Wakefield.

NEMZOFF, SAMUEL

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Services For Noted Educator

Funeral services were held yesterday morning (Wednesday) at Temple Israel, Riverway, for Samuel A. Nemzoff, well-known for more than half a century in local and national religious and secular education circles, who died Monday at age 78 after a long illness.



Samuel Nemzoff

A master at Boston Latin School for 31 years, Mr. Nemzoff was principal of the Temple Israel Religious School for 32 years from which he retired eight years ago. He also served 18 years with the Bureau of Jewish Education in Boston and with the adult education program of Hebrew College in Brookline.

He was honored by his religious school colleagues with the presidency of the National Association of Temple Educators and also of Camp Yavneh, affiliated with Hebrew College.

Samuel Alexander Nemzoff was born January 1, 1905, in Kiev, Russia, the son of Samuel and Zelda (Leavitt) Nemzoff. He prepared at Boston Latin School and received his A.B. in 1925 and his Ed. M. in 1927, both from Harvard. In 1929 he married Sophie Marcovitz, who died in 1969. He married Frieda Baxt in 1970. He had two daughters: Judith Ann Josephson of Providence, R.I., and Ruth Esther Berman of Nashua, N.H.

Mr. Nemzoff, who was noted for his original presentations for Confirmation classes, also had works published by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Reform). Among them were "Teaching the Prophets" and "Confirmation Sampler."

In addition to his wife and daughters, Mr. Nemzoff leaves five grandchildren; two sisters, Ruth Arnold of Ogunquit, Me., and Edith Kaden of Florida.

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Rabbis Roland B. Gittelsohn, Bernard H. Mehlman and Cantor Roy B. Einhorn officiated at the services. Interment was at Temple Israel Cemetery in Wakefield.

In the Fiftieth Anniversary Report of his class at Harvard College, Mr. Nemzoff wrote: "Education, religious and secular, has many frustrations, especially in these troubled times. The human race is not easy to bring up. But there is great joy in watching young people grow up. There are those moments in the classroom when you have the class in complete rapport with you — this consitutes the true joy of teaching. There are memories of children entering the kindergarten, watching them grow up, greeting them when, as adults, they enroll their children in the school. There is the pleasure about reading about former students and their achievements and the hope that you have been of some positive influence, however small, in their lives."

Commenting on this commentary, Rabbi Gittelsohn in his eulogy observed that the hope of educator Samuel Nemzoff had indeed been fulfilled.